

Ph.D. in Social Innovation and Sustainability

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Which track is suitable for me?

1.1 Route 1 (60 credits) is for those with a master's degree in any field, ideally with a strong, proven interest in any area in social innovation and sustainability. Since the student does not have prior training in this academic field, they will enroll in a selection of MA-level courses before proceeding to undertake their doctoral coursework and dissertation. **We expect that most of the applicants will fall under this category.**

STUDY PLAN 2.1 (60 CREDIT)	
THE FIRST YEAR: SEMESTER 1	THE FIRST YEAR: SEMESTER 2
GS601 SUSTAINABILITY AND THE GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	GS741 RESEARCH METHOD FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY
GS603 APPROACHES TO SOCIAL INNOVATION	GS743 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
GS613 DESIGNING ORGANIZATIONS FOR IMPACT	GS812 ADVANCE THEORIES IN SUSTAINABILITY
GS811 ADVANCE THEORIES IN SOCIAL INNOVATION	GS800 THESIS
GS871 PROSPECTUS DEVELOPMENT	
THE SECOND YEAR: SEMESTER 1	THE SECOND YEAR: SEMESTER 2
GS800 THESIS	

Tentative cost (approximately): International student: 16,213 USD/ Thai student: 14,478 USD

Duration (tentative): 2 years (1 year coursework + 1 year research)

Application requirements:

- Hold a Master Degree in any field of study, have a minimum 3 years working experience and expertise in related fields of study.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or equivalent.
- Statement of purpose and area(s) of interest (1 page)
- Submit a Research Proposal (English)
- Fulfill the English proficiency requirements set by Thammasat University Graduate Studies (see below)

- Letters of recommendation from at least 2 persons who are familiar with your work and/or academic performance. Preferably, one reference must be from a prior instructor/ institution.

1.2 Route 2 (81 credits) is for those with an undergraduate degree and with a minimum of five years of work experience in a field that is relevant to social innovation and/or sustainability and relevant to their proposed research topic. Since the student does not have prior training in this academic field, they will enroll in the MA-level coursework before proceeding to undertake their doctoral coursework and dissertation. The track is reserved for highly-qualified applicants with a strong, proven interest in advanced academic research.

STUDY PLAN 2.2 (81 CREDIT)	
THE FIRST YEAR: SEMESTER 1	THE FIRST YEAR: SEMESTER 2
GS601 SUSTAINABILITY AND THE GLOBAL POLITICAL ECONOMY	GS741 RESEARCH METHOD FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY
GS603 APPROACHES TO SOCIAL INNOVATION	GS743 INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE
GS611 RESEARCH AND DESIGN THINKING	GS762 SEMINAR ON SUSTAINABILITY PRACTICES
GS613 DESIGNING ORGANIZATIONS FOR IMPACT	GS800 THESIS
GS621 SEMINAR ON SOCIAL INNOVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY	
THE SECOND YEAR: SEMESTER 1	THE SECOND YEAR: SEMESTER 2
GS811 ADVANCE THEORIES IN SOCIAL INNOVATION	GS812 ADVANCE THEORIES IN SUSTAINABILITY
GS871 PROSPECTUS DEVELOPMENT	GS800 THESIS
GS800 THESIS	
THE THIRD YEAR: SEMESTER 1	THE THIRD YEAR: SEMESTER 2
GS800 THESIS	

Tentative cost (approximately): International student: 22,665 USD /
Thai student: 20,061 USD

Duration (tentative): 3 years (2 years coursework + 1 year research)

Application requirements:

- Hold a Bachelor Degree in any field of study.
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.50 or first-class honors.
- Statement of purpose and area(s) of interest (1 page)

- Submit a Research Proposal (English)
- Fulfill the English proficiency requirements set by Thammasat University Graduate Studies.
- Letters of recommendation from at least 2 persons who are familiar with your work and/or academic performance. Preferably, one reference must be from a prior instructor/ institution.

1.3 Route 3 (57 credits) is for those who have completed or are in the process of completing the MA in Social Innovation and Sustainability at the School of Global Studies, Thammasat. Since the student has or will have completed all of their coursework by the beginning of their PhD program, the students will take the three PhD-level courses and focus on developing their dissertation proposal.

STUDY PLAN 1.1 (57 CREDIT)	
THE FIRST YEAR: SEMESTER 1	THE FIRST YEAR: SEMESTER 2
GS811 ADVANCE THEORIES IN SOCIAL INNOVATION	GS812 ADVANCE THEORIES IN SUSTAINABILITY
GS871 PROSPECTUS DEVELOPMENT	GS800 THESIS
GS800 THESIS	
THE SECOND YEAR: SEMESTER 1	THE SECOND YEAR: SEMESTER 2
GS800 THESIS	

Tentative cost (approximately): International student: 15,731 USD/ Thai student: 13,996 USD

Duration (tentative): 2 years (1 year coursework + 1 year research)

Application requirements:

- Hold a Master Degree in Social Innovation and Sustainability, School of Global Studies.
- Have a composite GPA of 3.25, or equivalent.
- Statement of purpose and area(s) of interest (1 page)
- Submit a Research Proposal (English)
- Fulfill the English proficiency requirements set by Thammasat University Graduate Studies.

- Letters of recommendation from at least 2 persons who are familiar with your work and/or academic performance. Preferably, one reference must be from a prior instructor/ institution.

2. What are the english language requirements for application?

- TU-GET paper-based (550 and up)
- TU-GET computer-based (79 and up)
- TOEFL paper-based (550 and up)
- TOEFL computer-based (79 and up)
- TOEFL Internet-based (79 and up)
- TOEFL ITP (550 and up)
- IELTS (6.5 and up)

3. What is the mode of delivery of the courses? Can I attend the classes online?

The PhD program is designed with the mode of in-person learning in mind. The classes will be delivered on Saturdays and Sundays and on a weekday evening at Thammasat University's Tha Prachan Campus.

However, students are free to work remotely after the completion of their research proposal and coursework.

4. What do I need to have in my research proposal?

Your research proposal should clearly identify the research question and objectives you want to pursue. Your questions should be shaped by the review of relevant literature. It should clearly indicate what you want to know? Why do you want to study this? Why is the study worth doing?

In addition, you should clearly identify theories you already have or are developing about the issues you are studying. What theories, findings, and conceptual frameworks relating to these phenomena will guide or inform your study? It should also outline tentative methods. How will you be conducting this study? Think about the ways in which you will go about collecting your data and indicate some of the data collection techniques you might want to employ.

There is no hard and fast rule on the structure of your proposal. However, it should answer the above mentioned questions in less than 4,000 words.